

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region
5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

FACT SHEET

**RENEWAL OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
(NPDES Permit No. CA0023761)**

FOR

EUREKA FISHERIES, INC.

AND

FUR BREEDERS AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE

Humboldt County

Eureka Fisheries, Inc. has applied for renewal of Waste Discharge Requirements to discharge treated seafood processing wastewater under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) from its seafood processing facility at Fields Landing on south Humboldt Bay. The Regional Water Board will consider adoption of new Waste Discharge Requirements at its June 28, 2001 Regional Water Board meeting at the Santa Rosa Hearing Room, 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Santa Rosa, California.

Eureka Fisheries, Inc. operates a fish processing facility at the foot of "C" Street in Fields Landing and discharges wastewater into Humboldt Bay at a point within the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 18, T4N, RIW, HB&M at latitude 40° 43' 45" W and longitude 124° 13' 45" N. The facility is owned by Fur Breeders Agricultural Cooperative, 8700 South 700 West, Sandy, UT 84070. Fur Breeders Agricultural Cooperative grinds fish solids up and freezes them for shipment to Utah for mink food. Eureka Fisheries, Inc. and Fur Breeders Agricultural Cooperative are hereinafter collectively referred to as the Permittee.

Seafood processing consists of fish filleting and crab cleaning. These products are further processed by cooking and freezing. Wastewater generated within the facility averages 21,500 gallons per day. Process wastewater is discharged through a shallow-water outfall to Humboldt Bay following collection and screening. Solids collected as part of the filleting, cleaning, and freezing operation are processed by Fur Breeders Agricultural Cooperative into food for mink and other commercial fur bearing animals.

The proposed Order contains effluent limitations for the seafood processing industry that were promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act. The proposed Order also implements effluent-based provisions in the California Toxic Rule (CTR) for priority pollutant monitoring. It also contains Discharge Prohibitions and Receiving Water Limitations that implement water quality objectives as set forth in the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Basin. Effluent limitations, toxic, and pretreatment standards are established pursuant to Sections 208(b), 301, 302, 303(d), 304, 306, 307, and 403 of the federal Clean Water Act and amendments thereto.

The NPDES permit contains a Monitoring and Reporting program to determine compliance with Effluent Limitations, Receiving Water Limitations, and Discharge Prohibitions.

Copies of the draft permit may be obtained by contacting the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region, at the address above.

For any additional information or questions in this matter, please contact:

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